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S. I. Special Branch *dictated*

REPORT

Date Nov. 19, 1937

Subject National Salvation Movement in Shanghai.

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With reference to Special Branch reports of November 15 and 17 on the subject of the plan of local national salvation elements to create disorder in the Settlement: these elements are now planning to carry out extensive propaganda in the form of dissemination of printed matter and pasting of posters in both the International Settlement and the French Concession on November 20.

On the morning of November 19, a paper poster (specimen attached) made its appearance on trams running between Bubbling Well and The Bund. The poster bears the slogan "Following the withdrawal of the National troops, we, the people, will continue to resist" and purports to emanate from the "Mobile Propaganda Group of the China Labour Circles War Resistance Comrades Association". It also contains an emblem depicting the chopping of the sun with an axe.

Subsequent enquiries show that the persons responsible for posting these slogans on the trams are members of the 3rd District Water & Electricity Workers' Union, which has a temporary office at Lane 191, 12 Hart Road. This union is composed of conductors, motormen and mechanics of the Shanghai Electric Construction Company.

It is learned that the "China Labour Circles War Resistance Comrades' Association" (勞動界抗戰同志會) is the new name of the "China Labour Circles National Salvation Association", which was formed by members of the General Labour Union on November 6, 1937, with an office in the King Lih Middle School, Chung Hwa Road, Nantao. This organization is one of the most powerful national

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salvation bodies in Shanghai. The occupation of Greater Shanghai by the Japanese forces rendered it necessary for this organization to restrict the public nature of its activities, though these activities continue unabated in spite of the greater degree of secrecy observed.

The leading members of this organization are :

1. Chu Hsueh-fan (朱學範), Chairman of the General Labour Union, living at 2 Jing Yu Feng (勤條坊), Rue Wagner.
2. Loh Ching-iz (陸京士), a committee member of the local Kuomintang.
3. Chow Hsueh-hsiang (周學湘), a committee member of the General Labour Union.
4. So Chien-li (沙千里), a committee member of the now defunct Vocational Circles National Salvation Association. He was arrested on November 23, 1936, by the Chinese Authorities on a charge of Offences against the Internal Security of the State and acquitted on August 1, 1937.
5. Tsang Nai-chi (章乃熙), a leader of the now defunct Shanghai Various Circles National Salvation Federation. He was also arrested on November 23, 1936, on the same charge and released on August 1, 1937.
6. Sz Liang (史良), a female lawyer with offices at 1 Lafayette Terrace, Rue Lafayette. A committee member of the now defunct Shanghai Various Circles National Salvation Federation. She was also arrested on November 23, 1936, on the same charge and released on August 1, 1937.
7. Yang Cho-yu (楊兆宇), Conductor No.288 of the Shanghai

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Electric Construction Company and Chairman of the 3rd District Water & Electricity Workers' Union, Lane 191, 12 Hart Road.

Mr. Ai Ah-me (徐阿美), ex-mechanic in the employ of the French Tramway Company. He was arrested by the French Police on September 6, 1931, and as a result of a raid on his residence a large quantity of communistic literature was seized. On October 20, 1931, he was sentenced by the 3rd Branch, Kiangsu High Court, to ten years and six months' imprisonment. It is reported that he has recently been released.

The "China Labour Circles War Resistance Comrades' Association" now comprises a membership of about 60 persons, who have been divided into two sections as mentioned hereunder :-

1) "Mobile Propaganda Group"

This group consists of about 40 members. The principal duties of this group are to post posters and disseminate handbills on the national salvation movement with a view to keeping before the Shanghai populace the importance of the war of resistance.

2) "Special Picketing Corps"

This corps consists of about 20 members led by Loh Tien-tung (陸振林), husband of Sz Liang, the female lawyer referred to above. The object of the corps is to ascertain the military activities of the Japanese and trace the movements of Chinese traitors.

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November 7, 1937.

Morning Translation

Ta Kung Pao and other local newspapers.

LOCAL LABOURERS INAUGURATE NATIONAL SALVATION ASSOCIATION.

The inaugural meeting of the Shanghai Labourers' National Salvation Association took place at 2 p.m. on November 6 in the office of the Shanghai General Labour Union in Mei Ka Loong 梅家弄, in the City. Several hundred persons representing various local organizations, including the Postal Workers' Union, the Printers' Union, The Motor Car Chauffeurs' Union, etc., were present.

The meeting resolved that Messrs. Lch Ching-tz, 廖京士 Chu Hsueh-fan 朱學範 and Chow Hsueh-hsiang 周學湘 be elected as members of the presidium; that 81 representatives from various labour unions be elected as members of the executive committee and that the following telegrams be sent out:-

- 1) That General Chiang Kai-shek and military officers on the front be comforted.
- 2) That the Chinese Delegates to the Nine Powers' Conference at Brussels be urged to demand sanctions against Japan.
- 3) That labourers throughout the country be urged to support the war of resistance.

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REPORT

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Subject: Attempt of local national salvation elements to enlist unemployed workers and loafers to stage demonstrations.

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With reference to the contents of the attached report

I have to state that Mr. Sarly, Chief of the Political Section of the French Police was interviewed this morning when he stated that similar information had been received a few days ago by his office. According to the latest information, stated Mr. Sarly, the staging of the demonstrations mentioned had been sponsored by the local Chinese authorities with the object of creating confusion in Shanghai and jeopardising the Japanese advance in this area. Instructions, however, were received from Nanking FOUR days ago to the effect that the scheme was not to be put into operation. Mr. Sarly is of the opinion that nothing untoward in the shape of demonstrations will occur in either of the Concessions. He is having further enquiries made, however, and should any new developments arise, he will inform the Special Branch immediately.

Mr. Sarly also intimated that no national salvation associations of any kind now remain in the French Concession, all having been closed down by the French Police.

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Subject..... Attempt of local national salvation elements to enlist unemployed workers and loafers for staging demonstrations.

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It is reported that local national salvation elements are endeavouring to utilize unemployed workers and loafers for the purpose of creating disturbances and staging demonstrations in the near future with the following end in view :-

- a) To demonstrate the feeling of the Chinese populace against the Japanese despite the defeat of the armies.
- b) To demonstrate their opposition to the Municipal Police against suppression of national salvation organizations.

This movement, it is said, will take the form of coercing local Chinese shops to declare a strike, and attacking any shops that ignore this warning. Mass movements will also be organized with the ultimate object of repeating the May 30th Incident.

The date for the staging of this movement is said to be November 20, 1937.

So far no confirmation has been obtained to substantiate the foregoing report, but enquiries are still proceeding.

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Forwarded by C. G. G. (S. I. S. P.)

With reference to the reported plan of local national salvation elements to create disorder in the Settlement in the near future, further information received shows that this plan has been shelved meantime in consequence of an instruction received from Nanking persuading the radical elements to refrain from any activity which may tend to aggravate the international situation, which the authorities consider quite critical.

Local agitators have agreed to observe this instruction pending further developments and as far as can be gathered, they are adopting a wait-and-see policy, but have everything in readiness for any eventuality.

It is learned that the movement is favoured very much by those members who harbour radical views and would be successful with the support of unemployed workers. Among the promoters, the China Labour Circles National Salvation Association (中國勞動界救亡協會), is prominent and said to be one of the most powerful leaders. This organization, which was inaugurated on November 6, in the office of the General Labour Union, Kei Ma Loong, City, was formed by local labour circles under the guidance of Messrs Ioh Ching-dz (陸京士), Committee member of local Tangpu; Chu Hsueh-fan (朱學範), Chairman of the General Labour Union and Chow Hsueh-hsiang (周學湘), influential member of the General Labour Union and Chairman of the 4th District Cigarette Workers' Union, then located on Baikal Road.

Following the withdrawal of Chinese troops from the Shanghai area, the office of this organization was ostensibly closed. Although there is reason to believe that private rendez-vous, such as hotels, lodging houses, and private homes of members, has been used to maintain its control over local labourers.

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It is worthy of note that at the beginning of the local Sino-Japanese hostilities, Messrs Loh Ching-dz and Chu Hsueh-fan took an active part in the formation of the Shanghai Special Service Corps, consisting of labourers. One of its members was arrested by the Municipal Police on Brenan Road, C.O.L. on September 10, 1937, and another at the Brenan Road Railway Barrier on October 24, 1937, both armed with Mauser pistols.

Both Messrs Loh Ching-dz and Chu Hsueh-fan are disciples of Mr. Tu Yueh-sung (杜月笙), one of the three well known Chinese in French Concession, who was concerned in the All Shanghai Association for the Support of Armed Resistance.

Mr. Chu Hsueh-fan is the promoter of the Nyi Zee Club (毅社) (unlicenced?), located in Room 510, Pootung Guild, 1454 Avenue Edward VII.

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